

Amendments to the claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A composition for the treatment or prophylaxis of a bee disease, the composition comprising:
 - (a) an inoculum containing one or more microorganisms that are non-pathogenic to bees for producing a microflora having therapeutic or prophylactic efficacy against the bee disease; and
 - (b) an apicultural delivery vehicle for delivering the inoculum to a component of a bee hive, or to ~~at least a portion of~~ a bee colony that is susceptible to or infected with the bee disease, whereby a remedial and/or protective microflora is established within the hive or the bee colony.
2. **(original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the apicultural delivery vehicle is selected from:
 - (a) a patty;
 - (b) a syrup;
 - (c) a drench;
 - (d) a dusting; and
 - (e) a paste.
3. **(original)** The composition of claim 2, wherein the apicultural delivery vehicle is a patty selected from:
 - (a) a sugar patty; and
 - (b) a sugar and fat extender patty.